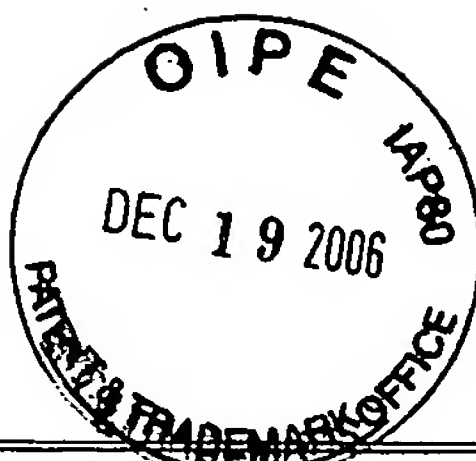


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 8627-1397 (PA-5496-PCT/US)
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)  10/594,181
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2005/010037	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 24, 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 26, 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN IMPROVED LUER FITTING CONNECTION		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US DAVID G. BURTON, SCOTT K. PHILHOWER, NICHOLAS J. ELY		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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